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1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 2 Sub 87 1. A casino gaming table / accounting system comprising, in
3 combination: a central computer; and
4 a plurality of gaming terminals coupled to the central
5 computer wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is
6 located in the proximity of a gaming table.
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- 8 2. The system of Claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of gaming
9 terminals comprises:
10 a data entry device for entering transaction data for
11 transactions that occur at the gaming table;
12 a display for displaying the entered transaction data; and
13 at least one I/O port for transmitting data to the central
14 computer.
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- 16 Sub 27 3. The system of Claim 3 wherein each of the gaming terminals
17 transmits the entered transaction data to the central computer.
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- 19 4. The system of Claim 3 wherein the central computer executes a
20 software program which maintains records of the entered transaction
21 data for each of the plurality of gaming terminals.

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1 5. The system of Claim 1 further comprising at least one peripheral
2 device coupled to at least one of the plurality of gaming
3 terminals.

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5 6. A casino gaming table accounting system comprising, in
6 ^{Sub B3} combination:

7 a central router; and

8 a plurality of gaming computers coupled to the central router
9 wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is located in the
10 proximity of a gaming table.

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12 7. The system of Claim 6 wherein each of the plurality of gaming
13 computers comprises:

14 a data entry device for entering transaction data for
15 transactions that occur at the gaming table;

16 a display for displaying the entered transaction data;

17 a processor for executing a software program wherein the
18 processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;

19 a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and

20 at least one I/O port for transmitting and receiving data from
21 the central router.

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23 8. The system of Claim 7 wherein each of the gaming computers
24 executes a software program which maintains records of the entered
25 transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming tables.

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1 9. The system of Claim 6 further comprising a central server
2 coupled to the central router for storing at least one data file
3 that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality of gaming
4 computers.

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6 10. The system of Claim 6 further comprising a central server
7 coupled to the central router for storing at least one software
8 program that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality of
9 gaming computers.

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11 11. The system of Claim 6 further comprising at least one
12 peripheral device coupled to at least one of the plurality of
13 gaming computers.

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15 12. A casino gaming computer located in the proximity of a gaming
16 table and comprising, in combination:

17 a data entry device for entering transaction data for
18 transactions that occur at the gaming table;

19 a display for displaying the entered transaction data;

20 a processor for executing a software program wherein the
21 processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;

22 a memory array for storing the entered transaction data; and

23 at least one peripheral device for outputting the entered
24 transaction data.

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1 13. A method for casino gaming/ table accounting comprising the
2 steps of:

3 providing a central computer; and

4 providing a plurality of gaming terminals coupled to the
5 central computer wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals
6 is located in the proximity of a gaming table.
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8 14. The method of Claim 13 wherein the step of providing the
9 plurality of gaming terminals further comprises the steps of:

10 providing a data entry device for entering transaction data
11 for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

12 providing a display for displaying the entered transaction
13 data; and

14 providing at least one I/O port for transmitting data to the
15 central computer.
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17 15. The method of Claim 14 wherein each of the gaming terminals
18 transmits the entered transaction data to the central computer.
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20 16. The method of Claim 15 wherein the central computer executes a
21 software program which maintains records of the entered transaction
22 data for each of the plurality of gaming terminals.

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1 17. The method of Claim 13 further comprising the step of providing
2 at least one peripheral device coupled to at least one of the
3 plurality of gaming terminals.

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5 18. A method for casino gaming table accounting comprising the
6 steps of:

7 providing a central router; and

8 providing a plurality of gaming computers coupled to the
9 central router wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals is
10 located in the proximity of a gaming table.

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12 19. The method of Claim 18 wherein the step of providing the
13 plurality of gaming computers comprises the steps of:

14 providing a data entry device for entering transaction data
15 for transactions that occur at the gaming table;

16 providing a display for displaying the entered transaction
17 data;

18 providing a processor for executing a software program wherein
19 the processor reads and stores the entered transaction data;

20 providing a memory array for storing the entered transaction
21 data; and

22 providing at least one I/O port for transmitting and receiving
23 data from the central router.

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1 20. The method of Claim 19 wherein each of the gaming computers
2 executes a software program which maintains records of the entered
3 transaction data for each of the plurality of gaming tables.
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5 21. The method of Claim 18 further comprising the step of providing
6 a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least
7 one data file that may be accessed by at least one of the plurality
8 of gaming computers.

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10 22. The method of Claim 18 further comprising the step of providing
11 a central server coupled to the central router for storing at least
12 one software program that may be accessed by at least one of the
13 plurality of gaming computers.
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15 23. The method of Claim 18 further comprising the step of providing
16 at least one peripheral device coupled to at least one of the
17 plurality of gaming computers.

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1 24. A method for casino gaming accounting comprising the steps of
2 providing at least one gaming computer located in the
3 proximity of a gaming table wherein each of the at least one gaming
4 computers comprises the steps of:
5 providing a data entry device for entering transaction
6 data for transactions that occur at the gaming table;
7 providing a display for displaying the entered
8 transaction data;
9 providing a processor for executing a software program
10 wherein the processor reads and stores the entered transaction
11 data;
12 providing a memory array for storing the entered
13 transaction data; and
14 providing at least one peripheral device for outputting
15 the entered transaction data.